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EXAMINER'S ANSWER

This is in response to the appeal brief filed April 18, 2002.

(1) Real Party of Interest

A statement identifying the real party in interest is contained in the brief.

(2) Related Appeals and Interferences

A statement identifying the related appeals and interferences which will directly affect or be directly affected by or have a bearing on the decision in the pending appeal is contained in the brief.

(3) Status of Claims

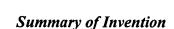
The statement of the status of the claims contained in the brief is correct.

(4) Status of Amendments After Final

The appellant's statement of the status of amendments after final rejection contained in the brief is correct.

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The summary of invention contained in the brief is correct.

(6) Issues

The appellant's statement of the issues in the brief is correct.

(7) Grouping of Claims

Appellant's brief includes a statement that claims 1-5 stand and fall together.

(8) Claims Appealed

The copy of the appealed claims contained in the Appendix to the brief is correct.

(9) Prior Art of Record

4,562,463

Lipton

12-1985

(10) Grounds of Rejection

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). This rejection is set forth in prior Office Action, Paper No. 9.

(11) Response to Argument

Appellant argues that "the Lipton television system only deals with processing of the video signal and does not address how this video signal is to be applied to the different display lines (i.e., plasma channels) of a plasma display panel; (page 6, last paragraph of the brief).

The examiner respectfully disagrees. Though Lipton (U.S. 4,562,463) primarily teaches a CRT display means for displaying a video signal, Lipton further teach that the display could also be a plasma display panel (col. 13, lines 48-59). Still further Lipton teaches the means for alternating a repeated video signal in an odd-odd-even-even manner indicating that the odd display lines are addressed consecutively



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more than one time, with means included in the system for then switching to display an imaged on the even display lines more than one consecutive times (col.14, lines 24-31). The "odd" and "even" lines correspond to the odd and even plasma channels (display lines) of a PDP.

For the above reasons, it is believed that the rejections should be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

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